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SUBJECT: SOVIETS PURCHASE SUGAR FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 4073

1. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION WITH GODR CENTRAL BANK SUGAR EXPERT RE SOVIET SUGAR PURCHASES MENTIONED REFTEL, ECONOFF WAS INFORMED THAT PURCHASES WERE MADE THROUGH A BROKER IN NEW YORK SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. THE SUGAR WAS TRANSPORTED FROM THE DR TO THE SOVIET UNION ON RUSSIAN VESSELS AND A CUBAN WAS SENT HERE FROM HAVANA TO SUPERVISE THE INSPECTION AND LOADING OF THE CARGO. ACCORDING TO THE CENTRAL BANK SOURCE, DOMESTIC SOVIET SUGAR PRODUCTION IS DOWN THIS YEAR. THEY HAVE ALSO PURCHASED SUGAR FROM BRAZIL IN 1978.

2. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY (AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE GODR) DOES NOT ATTACH ANY DOMINICAN-RELATED POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE SOVIET PURCHASE OF DOMINICAN SUGAR. WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT DATA HERE ON WHICH TO BASE IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS, WE SUGGEST AS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBLE MOTIVATION THAT THE CUBANS MAY HAVE PREFERRED TO KEEP IN ISA CHANNELS THAT PART OF THEIR SUGAR CROP NOT PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE USSR/EASTERN EUROPE, IN ORDER TO DEFEND THEIR RELATIVELY HIGH ISA QUOTA, WHILE THE RUSSIANS SOUGHT TO PURCHASE SUGAR AT LESS THAN THE TWENTY CENT PER POUND EQUIVALENT THEY REPORTEDLY PAY TO CUBA THROUGH BARTER ARRANGEMENTS, IN ORDER TO COVER THEIR SHORTFALL.

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